

February 14, 2018

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on February 14, 2018, 1:31 p.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Kroshus and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of January 31, 2018, be approved.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Compliance Division
Grain Warehouse and Grain Buyer
Update

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the issuance of the following new grain buyer license, which became effective during the month of January 2018.

ROVING GRAIN BUYER LICENSE			
Business Name	Location	Projected Purchases (bu.)	Effective Date
ITC Grain International, Inc.	Glendive, MT	50,000	1/17/2018

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-18-76
David Mark Gorder
Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for David Mark Gorder, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-18-77
David Mark Gorder
Auction Clerk
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for David Mark Gorder, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-14-829
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Pioneer Generating Station
Phase III Project
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: Since no trees or shrubs were removed during construction, I move the Commission issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$12,165.00 in Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Pioneer Generating Station Phase III Project, Siting Application, Case No. PU-14-829.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-15-482
Lindahll Wind Project, LLC
Lindahll Wind Farm Project –
Williams County
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan filed December 29, 2017 in Lindahl Wind Project, LLC, Lindahl Wind Farm Project – Williams County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-15-482.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-19
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources
Liberty Resources LLC –
Burke County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Liberty Resources, LLC – Burke County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-18-19.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-14-226
Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership
34-Inch Pipeline Replacement Project -
Pembina Cnty
Siting Exclusion Certification

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission find that tree and shrub mitigation may cease in Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, 34-Inch Pipeline Replacement Project – Pembina County, Siting Exclusion Certification, Case No. PU-14-226

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-17-88
Dakota Westmoreland Corporation
Revision 31 for Permit KRSB-8603
Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission conditionally approve Revision No. 31 to Surface Coal Mining Permit KRSB-8603 held by Dakota Westmoreland Corporation to add 313.4 acres to the permit for the Beulah Mine and to update the appropriate sections of the permit for mining in the added area.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-17-489
Coteau Properties Company
Revision 43, Permit NACT-9501
Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Revision No. 43 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-9501, held by The Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine, to delete 639.1571 acres from the permit that have not been disturbed by mining activities.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-295
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources
2017 Natural Gas Rate Increase
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission grant the January 16, 2018 Motion for Continuance of Hearing, extend the rate suspension under N.D.C.C. section 49-05-06 to August 31, 2018, and issue a Notice of Continued Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., 2017 Natural Gas Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-17-295.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-372
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - 302.4 MW
Dakota Range Wind
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission grant the February 5, 2018 Request to Postpone Proceeding, and continue the hearing previously scheduled for March 21, 2018 in Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence – 302.4 MW Dakota Range Wind, Application, Case No. PU-17-372.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-21
ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C.
Bear Creek Gas Plant Expansion
Project - Dunn Cnty
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission deem the application complete and issue a Notice of Filing and Public Hearing in ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C., Bear Creek Gas Plant Expansion Project – Dunn County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-21

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-24
Hess North Dakota Pipelines LLC
Keene Oil Gathering System
Conversion - McKenzie
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission deem complete the consolidated application for a corridor certificate and a route permit and issue a Notice of Filing and Public Hearing in Hess North Dakota Pipelines LLC, Keene Oil Gathering System Conversion – McKenzie, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-24

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-21
ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C.
Bear Creek Gas Plant Expansion
Project - Dunn Cnty
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission retain Mitch Armstrong, Brian Schmidt, and Sarah Wall to provide legal services to assist the Commission in processing ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C., Bear Creek Gas Plant Expansion Project, Dunn County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-21.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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Keene Oil Gathering System
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Siting Application

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Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST


Executive Secretary

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 03:30 P.M.


RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIRMAN